

**Moffat County Board of County Commissioners  
221 W Victory Way Suite 130 Craig, CO 81625**

**May 26, 2015**

**In attendance:** John Kinkaid, Chairman; Chuck Grobe, Vice Chair; Frank Moe, Board Member; Lila Herod, Moffat County Clerk & Recorder; Roy Tipton; Jeff Comstock; Ken Wergin; Ray Beck; Patrick Kelly

**Call to Order  
Pledge/Opening Prayer  
Consent Agenda**

Grobe made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a) Approved the minutes from May 19, 2015.
- b) Approved the Social Services five county intergovernmental agreement for core services.
- c) Approved the five county core services contracts between Social Services and Martha (Chris) Young, and Amy Goodwin for mental health services.
- d) Approved the core services contract between Social Services and Diane Prather for Life Skills services.
- e) Approved the amendment to the DOLA grant for the Shadow Mountain Village Improvement project.
- f) Approved Resolution 2015-59 transfer of payment of warrants for the month of May 2015 in the amount of \$156,398.50.

Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

Mike Fuller and Becky Tyree present.

**General Discussion**

General discussion was held among the Board:

- ✓ Grobe reported the Air Quality Control Commission will be holding their summer retreat in Craig June 17-20. Tours will be conducted of the power plant and mines. A public hearing will be held Thursday evening. Grobe encouraged the public to attend and submit comments.
- ✓ Grobe reported Shawn Bolton (Rio Blanco County) will be attending the NACO conference this summer. He will propose that legislation be introduced to return 20% of federal leasing funds to the county of origin. The Commissioners agreed to support this action.
- ✓ Moe reported Tri State Generation will be holding a community meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and he also encouraged the community to attend the meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the Office of Surface Mining.
- ✓ Kinkaid reported Congressman Scott Tipton will be in Craig on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the energy round table.

- ✓ There was further discussion regarding ColoWyo Coal and the Wild Earth Guardians lawsuit.
- ✓ Kinkaid discussed an article in the Steamboat Pilot. He indicated the article did not include comments from Routt County residents who are also concerned with the impact of the war on coal. He also reported he will be a guest on the KL Z radio talk show today to discuss coal issues.
- ✓ There was brief discussion regarding Grand Old West Days events.
- ✓ Tipton gave an update on the Shadow Mountain Improvement project. It is very wet causing rain delays. For the most part, residents are being very understanding and patient.

Steve Raftopoulos present.

- ✓ Comstock gave an update on the Sage Grouse plan.

### **Natural Resources Department- Jeff Comstock**

Comstock presented a letter to be sent to the United States Department of Labor regarding the proposed changes to the H-2A herder regulations.

Steve Raftopoulos reviewed the history behind the nonimmigrant workers program and he discussed the H-2A livestock sheep herder program. Sheep herders are given one year visas and they can renew those visas three times. The Department of Labor has redefined the rules of the entire program, including job descriptions, and open range and minimum wage requirements.

In Moffat County 18.2% of the total employment is made up of farm and ranch employees. Livestock operations are dependent on the H-2A worker program and the proposed rule change would devastate the grazing livestock industry in Moffat County and the entire nation.

Raftopoulos indicted the Woolgrowers and Cattlemen's Associations is preparing for a lawsuit.

Grobe made a motion to send the letter of comments to the United States Department of Labor Office of Policy Development and Research regarding the proposed regulation changes to the H-2A foreign workers program. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

### **Clerk's Office- Lila Herod & Chamber of Commerce- Chris Oxley**

Chris Oxley reported the Chamber will be hosting a beer garden during the Whittle the Wood event at Loudy Simpson Park June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Herod reviewed the special events liquor license application for the Chamber of Commerce. The application was filed on May 12<sup>th</sup> and notice of the hearing was appropriately posted. The

application also includes the Chamber's nonprofit certificate of good standing, diagram of the premises, and a copy of the insurance and appropriate fees.

Grobe made a motion to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Craig Chamber of Commerce on June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> at Loudy Simpson Park. Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. See attached.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by: Lila Herod, County Clerk and Recorder

Approved by:

*[Handwritten signatures]*

Approved on:

*June 2, 2015*

Attest by:

*Lila Herod*

